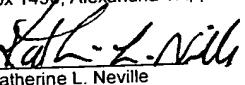


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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an outstanding Office Action (hereinafter, the "Office Action"), mailed February 11, 2003, in the above-mentioned application. In the Office Action, the Examiner raised objections to the specification, e.g., correction of formal drawings, amendment to the title of the application, update of the priority claims, and omission of sequence identifiers. In the Office Action, the examiner rejected claims 11-14 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, for asserted lack of enablement and under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for asserted indefiniteness. The Examiner also rejected claims 11-14 under 35 USC 102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gallatin *et al.*, US Patent No. 5,437,958 (hereinafter "Gallatin").

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